



ACT OF INCORPORATION

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SALEM DISPENSARY,

INCORPORATED FEB. 1831.

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUN-DRED AND THIRTY-ONE.

An Act to Incorporate the Salem Dispensary.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That Joseph Peabody, Benjamin Pickman, Daniel A. White, John Brazer, William Dean, Abel L. Peirson, Joseph Beadle, John Stone, Robert Brookhouse, George Peabody, Henry Whipple, and Charles Lawrence, with their associates and successors, be and they are hereby made a Corporation by the name of the SALEM DISPENSARY, for the purpose of affording medical advice and relief to the sick poor of the town of Salem, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, appear, prosecute, and defend to final judgment and execution, and may have a Common Seal, and may elect such officers, and make and establish such by-laws and regulations, as they may deem necessary or expedient for the management of their affairs: Provided, that such by-laws shall not be repugnant to the constitution and laws of this Commonwealth.

SEC. 2. Be it further enacted, That the Corporation hereby established, may take and hold for the purpose aforesaid, any real or personal estate, the annual income

of which shall not exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. Be it further enacted, That either of the persons named in the first section of this act, be and is hereby authorized to call the first meeting of the Corporation, by giving notice thereof in one or more of the newspapers printed in the town of Salem, at least seven days before the time of holding such meeting.

SEC. 4. Be it further enacted, That this act may be amended or repealed at the pleasure of the Legislature.

In House of Representatives, February 3, 1831.

Passed to be enacted.

WM. B. CALHOUN, Speaker.

In Senate, February 2, 1831.

Passed to be enacted.

SAMUEL LATHROP, President.

Feb. 3, 1831.—Approved.

LEVI LINCOLN.

A true copy of the original Act.

Att. EDWARD D. BANGS, Sec'ry of Commonwealth.

Rules of the Salem Dispensary.

ARTICLE I.

The object of the Institution is to afford medical advice and relief to the sick poor of Salem.

ARTICLE II.

Every person who contributes a sum not less than one dollar per annum, shall be considered a member of the Corporation.

ARTICLE III.

The management of the concerns of the Institution shall be entrusted to the President, and a board of not less than six Managers, of whom the Secretary shall always be one. The Managers shall appoint the Physicians and Apothecaries of the Dispensary, and shall have authority to collect the subscriptions, and to settle all demands against the Dispensary.

ARTICLE IV.

The annual meeting of the Contributors shall be held on the first Thursday in January, when a President, Managers, and Secretary, who shall also be Treasurer, shall be elected.

ARTICLE V.

The Treasurer shall keep an account of the receipt and expenditure of all monies, subject to the order and inspection of the Managers, and shall report the same to the Contributors at their annual meeting. He shall also give bonds for the faithful discharge of his duties, whenever required by the Managers.

ARTICLE VI.

Each annual contributor of one dollar and upwards, is entitled to recommend to the benefit of the charity, any person applying to him for assistance, who may be unable from poverty to purchase necessary medicines, or pay for medical advice. And every such applicant, on presenting to the Apothecary of the District in which he resides, a contributor's order, shall be entitled to receive gratuitously, such medicine as may be prescribed for the applicant by the Physician of the Dispensary for that District. And the order of the contributor thus granted, shall be in force until the end of the year in which it is granted, and no longer.

ARTICLE VII.

The Managers shall have power to discharge any beneficiary of the Dispensary who shall be judged an improper person to receive the benefit of the institution, or the expense of whose medicine they may deem beyond the ability of the institution to defray, consistently with a proper distribution of its charity.

ARTICLE VIII.

It shall be required of the Physicians to make a quarterly report, to be left with the Secretary, of cases treated by them during the preceding three months, in which shall be noted the name of the patient, the residence, the age, the disease, the result of the treatment, whether the person has been vaccinated or not, and the name of the contributor recommending him. And he shall also be expected to add to the report any remarks on individual cases which may enable the Managers to promote the better regulation of the Dispensary, or to expose fraud and imposition.

ARTICLE IX.

It shall be the duty of the Physician to enforce the importance of Vaccination in the families in which he visits, and to perform it, whenever practicable, upon those who have never become protected from the contagion of Small Pox.

ARTICLE X.

Each Apothecary of the Dispensary shall keep a list of all persons recommended to the charity within his District, with the names of the contributors recommending them, and shall present the same to the Managers when required.

ARTICLE XI.

The Managers shall hold quarterly meetings for the transaction of business, on the first Thursday of January, April, July and October.

ARTICLE XII.

The President, or any three of the Managers, shall have power to call meetings for the transaction of business.

Subscribers to the Permanent Fund.

Joseph Peabody	\$200	Benjamin Merrill	\$10
Benjamin Pickman		Louisa Peabody	40
Dudley L. Pickman		Catharine Andrew	10
Gideon Tucker	10	John F. Andrew	5
Francis Choate	2	Stephen C. Phillips	30
Robert Brookhouse	5	Pickering Dodge	40
John W. Treadwell		Humphrey Devereux	20
Anstis Stone		Thomas Downing, jun	. 5
E. & H. Hodges		T. P. Pingree	5
L. Rawlins Pickman		Gideon Barstow	15
Susan Burley	40	Samuel Putnam	10
S. F. Orne	25	Nath'l Silsbee	30
H. Hodges	5	William Dean	10
Amos Choate	10	William F. Gardner	7
Nathan Robinson	10	B. W. Crowninshield	40
Frederick Howes	10	S. R. Putnam	15
R. Cabot	15	George Peabody	15
William Pickman	30	Stephen Phillips	20
David Pingree		William Silsbee	10
David A. Neal	3	Leverett Saltonstall	10
James King	5	William Micklefield	8
Caroline Plummer	10		
D. A. White	30		\$900

Annual Subscribers.

John F. Andrew Catharine Andrew Joseph Adams Lott Alden Nathaniel Appleton Samuel H. Archer

Gideon Barstow Susan Burley Robert Brookhouse Cornelius Baker William Brown, jun. John Brooks Joel Bowker Ebenezer Bancroft John Brazer Nehemiah Brown Daniel Bray John Burley Samuel Briggs Joseph Beadle Rufus Babcock, jr. Benjamin F. Browne Benjamin Balch Thomas P. Bancroft

Amos Choate
John P. Cleaveland
Rufus Choate
Francis Choate
Benjamin Cheever, jun.
Isaac Cushing
James Chamberlain
John Chapman

Benjamin Cox Robert Cogswell George Choate Samuel Colby C. C. Clarke R. Cabot David Cummins

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John M. Ives

John A. Innis

D. H. Johnson Samuel Johnson

John Jamison

Abraham Kimball John Glen King James King

Henry King Nathaniel Kinsman Jonathan Kenney John C. Lee Joseph S. Leavitt Ambrose S. Lovis

Abel Lawrence Charles Lawrence Asa Lamson

Benjamin Merrill Charles McBurney David Moore Daniel Millet William Micklefield John Moriarty Robert Manning Thomas Moriarty James Miller

William H. Neal

David A. Neal

S. F. Orne Henry K. Oliver Elisha Odlin John B. Osgood William Osborn

Joseph Peabody
Benjamin Pickman
William Pickman
Dudley L. Pickman
L. Rawlins Pickman
Stephen C. Phillips
Samuel Putnam
S. R. Putnam
Louisa Peabody
Caroline Plummer
David Pingree
James Perkins
E. H. Payson

David Putnam
Ebenezer Putnam
E. Pope
A. L. Peirson
Willard Peele
Warwick Palfray, jun.
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